



Valles Caldera National Preserve
2006 Stocker Steer Interim Grazing Program
Application

Applications will be accepted until the program is filled.

Please read the Terms and Conditions Briefing for the 2006 Stocker Steer Interim Grazing Program before completing your application

Below is my current application information for the **2006 Stocker Steer Interim Grazing Program**. I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions established by the Valles Caldera Trust. I understand that I will be required to sign a Pasture Agreement prior to entry to the Preserve.

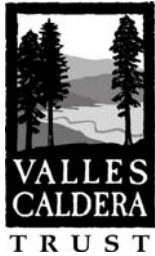
Print or type name:			
Address:			
Telephone number(s): Primary		Emergency	
Alternate			
Number of Steer I can provide:			
Brand:		Brand location:	
New Mexico Brand or holding brand registration number is:			
Recorded owner of brand			
EarMark:			
Location of stock prior to delivery:			
Contact name and phone number:			

Please address the following criteria:

Number of years participating in a stocker steer program	
Are you familiar with the operation of this type of program at high (>8500') elevations?	
Are you willing to participate in (non-invasive) research, education and monitoring programs involving cattle health, nutrition, and behavior?	
Briefly describe your preconditioning program	
Are you willing to provide proof of financial responsibility?	

Signature of applicant: _____
Date: _____

If you have any questions please call the Valles Caldera Trust at 505/661-3333



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Terms and Conditions Briefing
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I. Introduction

The Valles Caldera Trust is expecting to have pasture available on the Valles Caldera National Preserve for up to 1500 steers weighing 400 - 500 pounds for a grazing season running from June 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006, depending on range conditions. A flat fee of \$65.00 per head for the grazing season will be assessed. Full care will be provided.

The Valles Caldera Trust is seeking a single source to provide steers for the program. For the purpose of this program a single source shall be defined as an individual, a partnership, an association or an organization. Valles Caldera Trust Board Members, Trust employees or their immediate family members (spouse or child) may not apply.

The objectives of the Valles Caldera Trust's interim grazing program are:

- a) For research, education and demonstration of livestock grazing as a component of natural resource conservation and management;
- b) To develop partnerships with state, federal, tribal and private entities on grazing management opportunities;
- c) To evaluate the cost effectiveness of a steer program as an ecologically and economically sustainable component of managing the Preserve.

II. Terms and Conditions

- a) All livestock operators are eligible to apply, including private land operators, permittees on public lands, those grazing on tribal or state trust lands.
- b) For the purpose of this program, a single source shall be defined as: an individual; a partnership; an association; or a corporation.
- c) Applicants must be the owner of a registered and current New Mexico Livestock brand, or a holding brand approved for seasonal use by the New Mexico Livestock Board.
- d) Qualified applicants must be able to provide the requisite number of steers and meet the following criteria:
 - (1) Experience with steer operations, particularly at high mountain elevations;
 - (2) Willingness to participate in, or cooperate with, monitoring and/or educational programs on the Preserve;
 - (3) Proof of a sound preconditioning program;
 - (4) Proof of financial responsibility;
- e) The Valles Caldera Trust reserves the right to reject any application from consideration.

III. Grazing Fees

- a) Selected participants shall be assessed a fee of \$65.00 per head for the grazing season.
- b) The grazing season is anticipated to run from approximately June 1, 2006 – September 30, 2006 (depending on range conditions).
- c) A down payment of 50% of the total season's estimated grazing fee will be required upon completion of the pasture agreement. The agreement will be provided by the Trust and signed by both parties. Both parties will retain a signed copy of the pasture agreement.
- d) The remaining 50% of the grazing fee shall be paid on or before shipment of the steers from the Preserve.
- e) If drought or other circumstances delay the entry, or force the termination of, the pasture agreement, fees shall be prorated accordingly.

IV. Herd Health

- a) All steers entering the Preserve shall be free of contagious disease.
- b) Health papers issued by a licensed veterinarian will be required.
- c) The Valles Caldera Trust will review and approve of the applicant's program for preconditioning, vaccination and parasite control.
- d) The Valles Caldera Trust reserves the right to inspect the steers prior to delivery to the Preserve.
- e) The Trust reserves the right to require the removal of any animal due to illness, injury, or death.
- f) The Trust reserves the right to require the removal of any animal whose behavior threatens the health and safety of any other livestock or personnel.

V. Livestock Identification

All steers must be branded with a registered New Mexico livestock brand or a holding brand approved by the New Mexico Livestock Board for seasonal use.

All steers must be tagged with an individually numbered ear tag providing ownership contact information.

VI. Liability

The Valles Caldera Trust assumes neither responsibility nor liability for any injury to persons or equipment while participating in the program.

Agreements on death loss and unaccounted for cattle shall be established in the grazing agreement.

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